

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

DENNIS ROBINSON, )  
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Petitioner,         )  
                        )  
v.                     )                      No. 4:09CV383 JCH  
                        )  
DONALD A. HUCKLICK, )  
                        )  
Respondent.         )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Court has reviewed the petition and has determined that it lacks jurisdiction over it. As a result, the petition will be dismissed pursuant to Rule 12(h)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Petitioner is a state prisoner in Illinois. Petitioner is seeking to challenge a judgment of the state courts of Illinois.

The United States District Courts only have authority to grant habeas petitions "within their respective jurisdictions." 28 U.S.C. § 2241(a). Because petitioner is seeking to challenge a judgment of the State of Illinois, and because petitioner is located in Illinois, petitioner is not within this Court's jurisdiction. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(a), (d). As a result, the Court will dismiss this action for lack of jurisdiction. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3).

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this action is **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

An Order of Dismissal shall accompany this Order.

Dated this 20th Day of March, 2009.

/s/ Jean C. Hamilton  
JEAN C. HAMILTON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE